



Community Connections

For our children, our community, our world, our future

Important dates:

September 5

Labor Day
Holiday—
No School

September 10

School Board
Work Session,
Wingate by
Wyndam
8:00 a.m.

September 12

Thoughtexchange
process begins

September 21

School Board
Meeting, Cheney
High School
6:00 p.m.



September Character Trait

RESPECT:

Recognizing,
considering and
properly honoring
the worth of one's
self and others

Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

The 2016-2017 school year has officially begun, and my hope is that it has been a smooth start for each and every student and family!

With the beginning of a new school year, it is important to revisit and share the goals that guide the work of our district. The Board-adopted goals of Cheney Public Schools are:

- Consistent and measurable academic progress for each student, assuring that value is added to each student's academic achievement each year.
- A safe, caring and quality learning environment is provided to each student, each day, in every aspect of school district operation.
- Effective allocation of community-provided school district funds and resources will be made based upon data-driven research and evidence of need and impact on each student program.

In collaboration with our parents and communities, we will strive to meet and exceed our district's Board-adopted goals. In doing so, we can ensure the educational success of each and every one of our students.

An essential part of our ability to reach our district goals is ensuring that we have quality school facilities for our students to attend. Having said this, our school district has been blessed with outstanding community support and many wonderful schools. However, with the addition of full day kindergarten and continued district growth, several of our facilities are either at or exceeding capacity. During the past five school years our district enrollment has grown from 3,848 students in 2011-2012 to a budgeted enrollment of 4,360 students for the 2016-2017 school year.

With growth comes the need to plan and prepare so that our schools are able to meet the needs of all of our students and programs. Consequently, as a district we have been preparing for a capital projects bond to address our building needs. An important part of the planning process will be gathering additional input from the community. In order to do so we are preparing to launch a third Thoughtexchange on September 12th. You can find further details about this important opportunity to share your thoughts on the reverse side of this newsletter.

In closing, if I can address any questions you may have about the upcoming Thoughtexchange process, or any other aspect of our capital projects planning, please feel free to email me at rroettger@cheneysd.org.



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Robert W. Roettger
Superintendent

*Let us know your thoughts -
join Thoughtexchange*

Our essential foundations

- ★ High Expectations and Continuous Progress
- ★ Involvement and Engagement with School District Community
- ★ Stewardship and Planning

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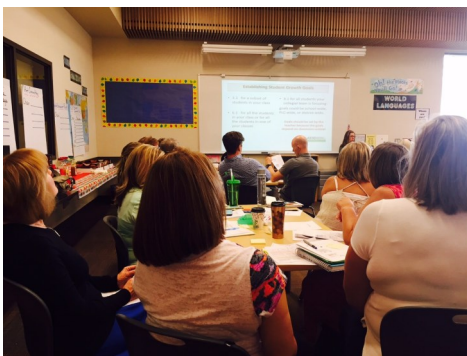
Thoughtexchange begins September 12

Once the “Share” phase of the Thoughtexchange is launched on September 12th, any community member who elects to participate will have ten days to comment on several capital project options. Following the initial ten-day period, the “Star” phase will open and provide community members with the opportunity to review the comments and opinions that are shared, plus support the opinions and thoughts that align with their thinking. Finally, we are planning three community meetings on November 8-10 in order to share the results of the Thoughtexchange process and to receive additional community input.

Parents, staff, and members of our Key Communicators list will receive an email explaining how they can participate in the Thoughtexchange process. If you would like to be added to our Key Communicators list, please email us at key-communicators@cheneywsd.org or call the district office at 559-4502.

We look forward to receiving your input to help guide us in our efforts to address our continued enrollment growth.

Middle school leaders meet



Student leaders from Westwood and Cheney Middle Schools spent one day in August at a leadership retreat at the District administration site. The students defined themselves as leaders, shared their hopes

and fears for the year, analyzed school data and set goals for improving their schools. These student leaders represent what it means to have pride in themselves, their learning and their community.

The ASB goals this year are to make people smile, and increase student participation in activities, the fund run and school spirit events.

Student Advisors join Board of Directors

We are pleased to once again welcome two Cheney High School students as Student Advisors to the Board of Directors. The Board recognizes the value of communicating with students and receiving their input and perspectives. To foster this relationship with students, the Board annually seats two student representatives as advisory non-voting members of the Board. Our student representatives attend all meetings and provide regular updates on what is happening in our District, from a student’s perspective. They also annually travel with the Board to the Legislative Conference to share our Board-adopted Legislative Priorities with our elected representatives.

Meet our Student Advisors

Bridget Calvert served as a Student Advisor to the Board last year. Board members were excited to learn that Bridget was interested in serving once again during her senior year. In her application, she said, “After gaining so many skills and experiences, I believe I could contribute even more with another year.” “I enjoy having an impact on my district and being a voice for all students.”



Megahn Short, who is a junior at Cheney High School this year, will join Bridget as a Student Advisor in September. One of her references stated, “Megahn is an exceptional young lady.” Megahn described herself as “a natural born leader who strives to make a difference” and said she would “love to communicate to the School Board about what is happening in Cheney High School.”